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Title: **POSTAGE METERING SYSTEM HAVING THIRD PARTY PAYMENT CAPABILITY**

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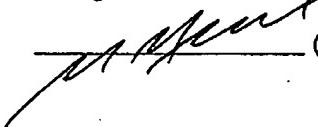
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This communication is submitted in furtherance of the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed concurrently herewith. A Notice of Appeal was filed January 12, 2004 and an Appeal Brief is due March 12, 2004. An Amendment After Final was also filed on January 12, 2004 and the enclosed RCE transmittal requests that it be entered. Accordingly, this communication is timely. Entry of the following amendment and consideration of the enclosed remarks are respectfully requested. The Commissioner is requested and authorized to grant any petition for extension of time to respond deemed necessary to make this submission timely. The following sections are enclosed:

1. Amendment to the Claims; and
2. Remarks.

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